

Apart from the above a Concept Note was sent to the Planning Commission recommending Rs. 76.50 crore for the revival of Tourism in Andaman & Nicobar Islands on the basis of which special outlay has been allocated for Andaman & Nicobar Islands by the Planning Commission.

Setting up of Indian Institute of Hotel Management

850. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up more Indian Institutes of Hotel Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government also propose to strengthen the existing institutes; and

(d) if so, the estimated cost of setting up of new institutes and strengthening the existing institutes?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism provides grant-in-aid to cover capital expenditure relating to the setting up of Institutes of Hotel Management (IHMs). The Ministry has sanctioned grant-in-aid during 2006-07 for setting up of new institutes at Silvassa in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and another at Boothgarh, Mohali in the State of Punjab.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The budget provision for the scheme which *inter alia* provides for setting up of new Institutes of Hotel Management (IHMs) and strengthening of the existing ones is Rs. 50.00 crores for the year 2007-08.

Financial assistance by World Bank and ADB for development of tourism in Delhi

851. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance has been provided by World Bank and ADB for development of the tourism sector particularly in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details, thereof; and

(c) the names of the States where these funds have been spent on tourist sites there, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Misuse of tourism by foreigner

852. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that in the name of tourism, camps of lesbianism and homosexuality are organized by the foreigners and the local people are also invited to participate in the camps; and

(b) if so, what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No specific complaint or report on prevalence of lesbianism or homosexuality tourism in the country has been received in the Ministry of Tourism.

(b) Safety and Security of tourists is a State subject and hence, the Ministry of Tourism has advised all State Governments and Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police at important tourist centres/destinations. The States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have deployed Tourist Police in one form or the other.

Development of tourism in Rajasthan

853. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists both Indian and foreign who visited the country particularly in Rajasthan during the last three years and what is the percentage share/increase thereof for Rajasthan;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Central Government for the development of tourism in Rajasthan during the last three years;